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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2008, the period for response being extended one month to December 8, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.